

The  
**Church of the  
Covenant**

Sunday, June 2, 2019  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Service of Worship  
for the Lord's Day



## WELCOME

Convinced of God's grace, the Church of the Covenant seeks to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world.

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Organ Prelude

Mark Edwards, *Organist*

*Improvisation: Chorale Prelude on "Wareham"*

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

\* Celebration of Community

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Amavolovolo*

Traditional Zulu Song

*Nge ke siye Kwa-Mashu*

We cannot go back to Kwa-Mashu

*sisaba mavolovo lo we ma.*

We are afraid of the revolvers.

\* Call to Worship

One: We have gathered here to share our deepest concerns, speaking and singing words of inspiration and hope.

**All: We have committed ourselves to do what we can to ease the burdens of those who suffer, to stand for decency and compassion.**

One: We have pledged to work for a more wholesome environment for us and for all the generations that will follow.

**All: But these are just words. The hymns we sing are just songs. Our reflections are just idle thoughts. When we convert them into loving and responsible action throughout the week, then and only then will this morning become what we want it to be—a time of worship. We come to worship God.**

\* Hymn 421

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

WAREHAM

\* Call to Confession

Will Klein, *Lay Worship Leader*

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, we come to you confessing our smallness of faith. You call us to be faithful disciples trusting you to provide the resources to do your will but we let fear and worry hinder us. Forgive us for the ways our lack of faith hinders your work through us. By the power of your love, make us a new creation so we may find our joy in furthering your mission. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.**

\* Silent Confession of Sin

## GATHER

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week.

\* Please stand as you are able

**WE WELCOME** the Reverend Kristine Eggert, Executive Director of God Before Guns, which she co-founded with her husband David. God Before Guns, a Covenant mission partner, is a multi-faith coalition of individuals and faith communities working to reduce gun violence. She earned a Masters of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary and is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She served as the Associate for Membership and Evangelism at Geist Christian Church and Senior Pastor at Northwood Christian Church in Indianapolis. She served as Senior Pastor at Disciples Christian Church in Cleveland Hts. from 2007 until her retirement in 2015. Post-retirement, she and her husband continue working to effect change in a variety of social justice issues. They are the parents of four grown children and three young grandchildren.

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! God shows divine love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Friends, believe the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\* Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father\*\* and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\*\*or Maker

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 65: 17–25

Anthem

Chancel Choir  
M. Searle Wright

*Prayer of St. Francis*

Lord make me an instrument of thy peace,  
That where there is hatred, I may bring love;  
That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;  
That where there is discord, I may bring harmony;  
Where there is error, I may bring truth;  
Where there is doubt, I may bring faith;  
Where despair, where there are shadows, where there is sadness;  
I may bring hope; I may bring light; I may bring joy!  
  
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted;  
To understand, than to be understood; to love, than to be loved.  
  
For it is by giving that one receives;  
It is by self-forgetting one finds;  
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven;  
It is by dying that one awakens unto eternal life.

Second Lesson

Luke 6:12–21

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Thoughts and Prayers* The Rev. Kristine Eggert

\* Hymn 374 *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace* DICKINSON COLLEGE

Joys and Concerns

Kevin J. Lowry

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.**

OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER

William Klein has been a member of the Church of the Covenant since 1980 and has served as Deacon, Elder and is currently Clerk of Session. Will works for Black Box Network Services as a manager and network architect. He and his wife, Susan enjoy visiting their children, Elliott, who lives and works in the Cleveland area; Savanna who will be working in Tanzania starting in August, and Matthew, who is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Dayton.

MUSIC NOTES

The introit was originally sung in pre-democratic South Africa and tells the story of people who were afraid to go to the township of Kwa-Mashu because there was so much violence. Amavolovolo is a direct mutation of the English word for revolver. In present day Kwa-Mashu, violence has lessened. The song is sung now in many communities at parties and weddings, as a form of celebrating how peace can overcome violence. Our anthem continues with the theme of peace through prayer. Often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, the prayer's true origins are unknown. Many in Cleveland recognize the name of Robert Shaw, the long-time Cleveland Orchestra Chorus director and Cleveland Orchestra associate hired in 1956. His frequent song-writing partner, Alice Parker, has

## Congregational Amen

*All are invited to sing.*



## Offertory

*I Will Arise*

Chancel Choir

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

\* Festival Doxology (Hymn 455, Verse 6) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in  
humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn 386

*O for a World*

AZMON

\* Charge

Kristine Eggert

Choral Benediction

Chancel Choir

*A Blessing*

Martin Shaw

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted, honour all people;  
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the pow'r of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be upon you,  
and remain with you forever. Amen.

Organ Postlude

*Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Carillon Postlude

*Suite in F*

Arcangelo Corelli



*Thank you for being mindful of those who wish to stay and listen to the postlude.*

*A Stephen Minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.*

published over 500 titles, many of which are American folk tunes and hymns like our offertory. This 19<sup>th</sup> Century hymn comes from the tradition of shape-note singing, which was particularly popular in Pennsylvania and the Ohio River Valley. Our service concludes with a traditional blessing, "Go forth into the world in peace." With this benediction, the Chancel Choir concludes another season of music ministry. Summer services will feature soloists and small ensembles from our community. We give thanks for the gifts shared by the Chancel Choir. Amen!

## TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals  
*Sanctuary*  
9:00 Stephen Ministers,  
*Herrick Room*  
9:30 Nursery, *Beckwith Hall*  
10:00 Worship, *Sanctuary*  
10:15 Music and Ministry  
*Beckwith Hall*  
11:00 Punch & Fellowship  
*Reception Room*  
12:30 Healing Circle  
*Sonia Golden Room*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**USHERING TODAY ARE** Bob Ault, Patty Fowler, Nancy and Jim Smekal.  
**GREETING ARE** Karin and Dan Garland.

### COMMUNITY MEAL AND ANNUAL MEETING

**JUNE 9 | 11:15 AM | DOWD COMMONS**

*There is no Community Meal today.*

Our Community Meal and Annual Meeting will be in Dowd Commons next Sunday following worship. We provide the main dish; please bring a side, salad, or dessert to the Dowd Commons kitchen before worship. This meal is free and open to the public.

### WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Judy Bourne, Akeya Clark (Marie Jones's niece), Barb Clint, Gretchen Drushel (who is preparing for the Peace Corp), Rob Engel and Lynne Hoffman-Engel, Rolf (Crunch) and Marilyn Krotseng, Greg Madison, Shirley Roe-Stroup, and Gabriel (Jenny Conner's grand-nephew). We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound; patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; our Interim Pastor Search Committee, and those who have left prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

**Our prayers** are with Deni Horstman and her family. Her brother Douglas Ford Horstman, Jr., who died on July 11, 2018, was interred in the Columbarium on Sunday, May 26.

**Este Pozza**, Manager of Finance and Operations, is on vacation through June 7. **Melanie Marsh Baum** has a family weekend.

**Thank you to Dennis Matz** for assuming the position of Interim Communications Manager, beginning June 1, as Lyn Tomaszewski finishes her time as Interim. A search to fill this position will be conducted later this year.

**Tuesday Bible Study** is taking a summer break. Watch for more information in the fall!

### MUSIC AT COVENANT

*Bring a lunch - bring a friend! Free parking in the Covenant lot.*

Carillon Concerts & Tower Tours | Fridays | 12:15 – 12:45 pm

Tower tour following the concert. Program at [ucbells.org](http://ucbells.org).

Tuesday Noon Concert | June 11 | 12:05 pm | Juan Riveros, harp

### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT (JUNE 3–8)

**Monday:** No scheduled activities. **Tuesday:** Staff Meeting, Office, 9:45 am; Cache Resale Shop, 10 am; Deacons, Dowd Commons, 6 pm.

**Wednesday:** Women's Bible Study, Library, 10 am; 12 Steps to Freedom, Beckwith, 5:30 pm. **Thursday:** Interim Pastor Search, Library, 6:30 pm. **Friday:** Carillon Concert, 12:15 pm. **Saturday:** No scheduled activities.

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## MINISTERS

*All the members of the church*  
Melanie Marsh Baum, Assoc.  
Pastor/Head of Staff  
Kevin Lowry, Interim  
Director of Student and  
Family Ministries  
Matthew Garrett, PhD,  
Music Director  
Michael Peters, PhD,  
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## SESSION

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Nelson, Omar Siddiq,  
Jim Tomaszewski

### CLASS OF 2022: Mary Anne

Bromelmeier, Kathy Farkas,  
Matthew Garrett, Libby  
Panhorst, Norma Shuskey,  
Lou Stark

## DEACONS

### CLASS OF 2020: Tom Denbow,

Jennifer DoVale, Stephanie  
Johnson, Julie Mailey,  
Lucy Matz, Nancy Matz

### CLASS OF 2021: Ken Rock,

Ryan Szafranec

### CLASS OF 2022: Ronnie

Bromelmeier, John Marsh,  
Ann Stark, Lyn Cooper  
Tomaszewski, Nick Tomko

## TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2020: Jim Prince  
Harriet Wadsworth

CLASS OF 2021: Patty Fowler,  
Nancy Smekal

CLASS OF 2022: Dennis Matz  
Ann Williams

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